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Maurizio Zanetti )  
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For: SOMATIC TRANSGENE )  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Responsive to the Office Action mailed October 25, 2000, entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

**AMENDMENTS**

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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Sub C' 3. (Amended) A method for stimulating an immune response, comprising administering to a lymphoid tissue a nucleic acid molecule comprising an expression element operationally linked to a nucleic acid sequence encoding one or more heterologous epitopes, wherein said expression element comprises a B cell expression element.